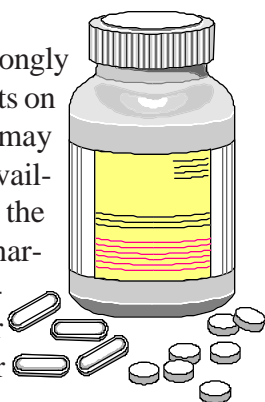




Antifreeze Antidote

Lincoln Fire Department Urban Search and Rescue Task Force has added "Antizol-Vet" to its medical supply inventory. This product is intended for use in dogs, and is an antidote for ethylene glycol poisoning. This antidote will be on hand for all future deployments in the event that one of our canine ingests antifreeze, an often **fatal exposure**.

The addition of this antidote was strongly recommended by Canine Specialists on the Task Force. In the event that it may be needed in the field, it is readily available and will be administered by the team physician or by a local veterinarian if available. If you have any concerns using this antidote with your canine, please discuss it with your veterinarian prior to deployment.



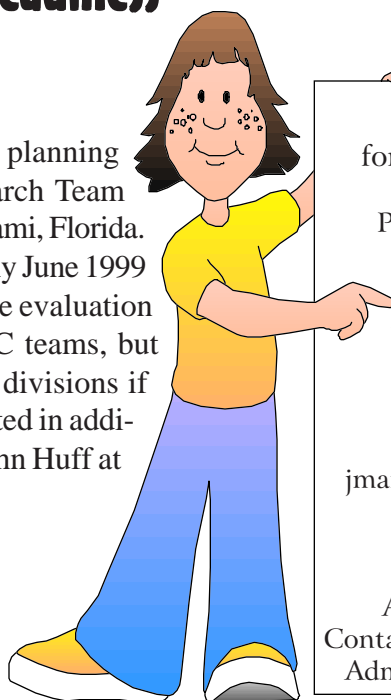
Award Presentation

On April 8th, 1999, Lincoln Fire Department FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Task Force NETF-1, Presented Elaine Sawtell's Canine Search Dog Ditto a plaque in recognition of "her dedication to search and rescue of lost and injured humans in times of disaster response. A member in good standing since July 1993".



Canine Search Team Readiness Evaluation, Type II

Florida Task Force I has begun the planning necessary to conduct a Canine Search Team Readiness Evaluation, Type II, in Miami, Florida. This activity will be conducted in early June 1999 at its USAR Training Academy. The evaluation is targeted primarily for Division C teams, but may include applicants from other divisions if openings occur. If anyone is interested in additional information please contact John Huff at (402) 441-8351.



Submission of Items
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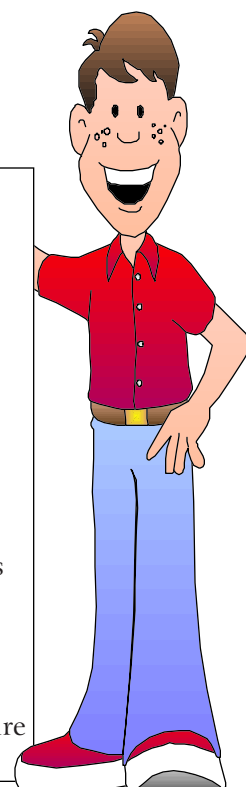
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The Plight of Macedonia

By Elaine Sawtell

The country of Macedonia dates back to biblical times. During the Middle Ages, it enjoyed a period of dominance in the southern Balkan region. Following World War II, it became a separate republic within the Yugoslav confederation. With the demise of the Communist block in 1991, Macedonia began attempts to build a nation with a democratic form of government. A poll taken in 1997 revealed 84 percent of Macedonians favor NATO membership for their fledgling republic.

No longer the vast land walked by the Apostle Paul during his First Century missionary journeys, Macedonia is the size of the State of Vermont and has slightly over 2 million inhabitants. It is landlocked, bordered by the Kosovo province of Serbia, Greece, Bulgaria and Albania, none of which are particularly friendly to its existence. The population is 70 percent Serb, with the remainder Turks, Muslims and Gypsies. The primary religion is Eastern Orthodox.

Political dangers are not all that threaten this tiny country. In 1963 an earthquake in the capitol city of Skopje killed 1300. In an effort to improve disaster response and as a step toward membership in NATO, a joint military-to-military exercise was conducted in August 1997 under the sponsorship of the Partnership for Peace. Participating along with the Macedonian military and Civil Defense were members of the Vermont Army Na-

tional Guard (sister state of Macedonia) and the U.S. Army 212th MASH Unit from Wiesbaden, Germany, recently returned from serving 11 months in Bosnia. At the specific request of the Macedonian Government for "an American search dog," Ditto and I were asked to accompany our military forces to Macedonia.

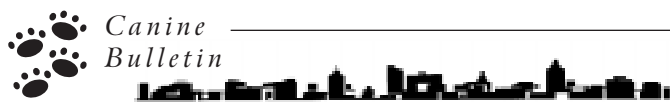
Our deeper purpose, however, was to demonstrate the American system of disaster response, with cooperation between local, state and national agencies and inclusion of civilians with special skills in United States Urban Search and Rescue Task Forces. A holdover from years of Communist rule is a deep distrust between military and civilian authorities, and all disaster response has been tightly controlled by the military.

During the two weeks Ditto and I spent in Macedonia with U.S. Forces we made many firends with the Macedonia people, civilians and soldiers alike, as well as military attaches from Russia, Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. For most of them, their only experience with "trained" dogs had been military sentry dogs.

With the untenable position in which Macedonia has been placed, it now appears their dreams and efforts to become a viable republic and respected member of the national community are once again being destroyed.

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